

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



To the Governor, Legislature and citizens of the State of Hawaii:

I am proud and honored to present to you the Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Report for the Department of Public Safety (PSD).

As someone who has worked in public safety for more than two decades, it is my goal to encourage all PSD employees to achieve their full potential in their professional lives. I believe many of our employees are good, hard working, diligent individuals who are committed to excellence. They deserve knowledgeable, fair, decisive, and stable leadership. As their Director, I am dedicated to make these qualities my priorities to guide my daily decision-making and use them to build a strong foundation for this department, its employees and the offenders, entrusted to our care. Together, we can move PSD into the future by improving consistency, uniformity and stability.

The mission of PSD is to provide safety for our island communities through law enforcement and correctional management. Our employees with the Sheriff Division and the Narcotics Enforcement Division work cooperatively with other law enforcement agencies to achieve this mission by fighting crime and keeping Hawaii safe.

The department is also responsible for the incarceration of nearly 6,000 offenders in eight State of Hawaii facilities, the Federal detention Center in Honolulu, and four privately operated prisons on the mainland. Our employees in Corrections strive to make a difference in the important areas of housing, care and services for our offenders. However, due to the current overcrowded conditions in our Hawaii facilities, we must continue to house certain offenders on the mainland. PSD is also consolidating the inmate population from four states into two, Kentucky and Arizona, which will ensure better communications and monitoring of the mainland operations.

I want to provide our offenders, here and on the mainland, with tools to improve themselves so they can successfully reintegrate into the community. I have started discussions with several unions, private and non-profit organizations in hopes of improving a seamless path between incarceration and reintegration so more offenders can receive a continuum of programs and services.

Although the department faces many challenges, I believe the men and women of PSD can make a difference with the necessary support and resources. PSD is proud to serve the State of Hawaii and we will continue to ensure the safety of our inmates, staff and island communities.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clayton A. Frank". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clayton A. Frank